

SENATE RESOLUTION 209

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carol Fay Ellison of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carol Fay Ellison of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellison was an extraordinary human being who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, better known as Loveless Cafe's Biscuit Lady, Ms. Ellison earned the acclaim of countless diners at the world-renown Loveless Cafe for her delectable biscuits; and

WHEREAS, Carol Fay Ellison began her career at Loveless Cafe as a dishwasher when she was a teenager and went on to become the face of the restaurant with her made-from-scratch biscuits and preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville native, who began baking biscuits at Loveless Cafe in 1987, learned to make biscuits by watching her mother, and she fiercely guarded her coveted recipe; and

WHEREAS, John Egerton, author of *Southern Food*, said of Ms. Ellison, "She made biscuits that made people think, 'This is the way my grandmother or mother made them.' She called up the memory of what biscuits ought to taste like on a cold, frosty morning."; and

WHEREAS, her baking abilities brought her many accolades, and she had recently competed against celebrity chef Bobby Flay on the Food Network's *Throwdown!* and made biscuits with Conan O'Brien and Martha Stewart, among many other television personalities; and

WHEREAS, all who were fortunate to know her describe Ms. Ellison as a warm and generous person; Tom Morales, owner of Loveless Cafe, remembers her as a woman who

always had a smile, was always full of love, and who always looked to the bright side of things;
and

WHEREAS, Carol Fay Ellison leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this gracious, compassionate, and extraordinary human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Carol Fay Ellison, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Carol Fay Ellison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.